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Struggling With Tax Problem.

Members of the Newark Board of Tax Commissioners and the financial officers of that city are working hard to find a means of keeping the tax rate for this year as low as it can be gotten, but whatever the rate may be, it is practically certain that property owners will have to pay more actual cash in taxes this year than they have ever done before.

While the rate for the city will be low, the decrease below the \$2.26 per \$100 last year will be more than counterbalanced by the increase in the valuations. What the total increase in the city will be no person can tell at present, the tax commissioners little better than any other body interested in the subject. Their aim is to make the increase \$100,000,000, so as to have total rates in the city \$290,000,000, instead of the \$190,000,000 last year. If possible they will make the total \$300,000,000.

Despite the reduction in the tax rate to about \$2, it will be, as said, overbalanced by the increase in assessments. To keep the actual cash payments on the increased valuations down to what they were last year, the levy, if the levy be \$4,000,000, would have to be \$1.50. To get down to such a rate the assessments would have to be twice as much as they were last year, making the total rates in the city \$380,000,000. This is not to be anticipated.

To show that the increase in cash payments will be necessary, the following examples may be of value:

Thus, if an owner had property assessed last year at \$2,000, the assessment this year will probably be from \$2,750 to \$3,000. Last year, such a property holder, at the rate of \$2.26 on the assessment, paid in cash \$45.20. This year, with the rate \$2 and the assessment increased to \$3,000, he will pay \$60 in cash, an increase of \$14.80. Thus the cash increase will be 32 per cent. The assessment will have been increased 50 per cent, and the tax rate lowered 11 per cent.

Here is an example direct from the tax books: A property owner last year was assessed last year \$5,500. This year the assessment has been made \$4,500. Last year he paid, at the \$2.26 rate on the lower assessment, \$79.10. This year, with the lower rate on the higher assessment of say \$2, he will have to pay \$92. The rate will have been lowered 11 per cent, but the assessment increased 31 per cent, the actual cash payment being added to by 16 per cent.

Another instance from the tax books shows that last year a Roseville mansion was assessed for \$18,000. This year the valuation put on by the assessor is \$34,000. The tax paid last year was \$406.80. This year, at a \$2 rate, the tax will be \$680. The increase in actual cash will be 67 per cent, and in valuation 88 per cent, though the rate has gone down 11 per cent.

Vacant lots which have been assessed low will be assessed two or three times as much as they were last year. Many lots were valued by the assessors last year at \$300. This year they will be \$600, \$700, \$800, \$900, according to their true value. In such cases the percentage of cash taxes paid will be increased in far greater proportion than the rate will be decreased.

While cases like those described will be numerous, there will be many other properties where the increase of assessment will be very small because the properties are now assessed at their true value or near it. In such instances the reduction in tax rate will work a reduction in the actual amount of cash that the owners will have to pay.

Canal Traffic Suspended.

Owing to breaks in the Morris canal, caused by heavy rains and the breaking of the cable at the inclined plane in this town, traffic on the canal was suspended during the past week. A canalboat named the Saucy Ann, from Phillipsburg was being carried over the plane in the car when the cable broke. Captain Tucker and his helper were badly frightened when the break occurred and the boat glided rapidly down the incline. When the boat struck the water there was a splash that sent a huge wave over the deck and Captain Tucker and his mate were almost swept overboard. They held on with difficulty. This is an accident that rarely happens, and it is a wonder that somebody wasn't hurt.

Another Colby Leader is Out for Office.

John R. Gibson wants the seat in Congress now held by R. Wayne Parker. The reason given for the need of a change is that Mr. Parker is a Lentz man. Mr. Gibson will run as a candidate of the "Colby men" and expects to secure the nomination, as the greater part of the district is Seventh—was for the Colby candidates last fall. The fight will be made on the anti-boss platform. Mr. Gibson has been an active worker against the "machine" for several years and was the candidate for County Chairman against Major Lentz. The men requesting him to run for Congress were Lathrop Anderson, R. Arthur Heller, Chandler W. Riker, Elias G. Heller, O. H. Tupper, Charles L. Whitefield, J. H. Brookbridge, George W. Tomkins, Frank F. Smith, George J. Althen, Theodore W. Corwin and George H. Simmonds. Meetings will be held for organization and a regular campaign for the nomination will be pursued. One of Mr. Gibson's earnest friends said: "Mr. Gibson is the anti-boss, anti-Lentz, anti-Dryden candidate. Mr. Parker has served several terms and I have nothing against him, except that he is for the machine, for Lentz and for Dryden. All the Federal offices have been controlled for the benefit of the machine and we must stop it. Of course, no question can be raised as to Mr. Gibson's capacity and fitness for the place, but their fight is the same old fight."

Mr. Gibson came from Morris county to Essex county not many years ago and has held or run for political offices almost constantly since he came here.

Library Notes.

"The Garden, You and I" is a welcome addition to our garden literature from the pen of "Barbara," otherwise known as the "Commuter's Wife," or in daily life as Mrs. Mabel Ogden Wright. We find the most wholesome flow of good humor and keen observation that have charmed us in her other books.

Another new book of kindred interest is by Harwood, the man who writes so charmingly of the work of Luther Burbank. This book, "The New Earth," is a recital of the triumphs of modern agriculture in America, and embraces such subjects as soil inoculation, breeding new grains, plant development, anomalies of plant life, weeds, forestry, dairying, reclaiming the earth, agricultural education, etc. The illustrations, too, are extremely interesting.

"The District Attorney" is a strong novel of present day politics and finance, in which a son of high ideals is arrayed against his father, the head of a powerful trust.

"The Vine of Libnah" takes one back to the times of the Puritans in Old New England, and introduces us to Puritan theology and politics, Jesuits, Quakers, soldiers and missionaries. The principal characters are a brave soldier and the charming woman whom he loves.

"The Golden Greyhound" is a big ocean liner carrying a consignment of gold to a foreign port. Among the passengers are a young millionaire with his clever valet, a beautiful girl with her anything but clever father and the orthodox rival and villain, who is a swarthy Mexican gentleman with a chronic frown. Love, mystery, intrigue, wireless telegraphy and a surprising of international complications combine to interest and make it a very good story for a hot day.

"Breakers Ahead" is a work of more literary merit, with a really strong plot, embracing political and social aspirations, love, both misplaced, and the conspiracy, and some fine character development.

Excitement in Berkeley Avenue.

An Italian woman evidently delighted, created much excitement in Berkeley avenue Wednesday evening. She appeared at the home of Alfred Pettit, No. 68 Berkeley avenue, and sat down on the steps of the piazza. Finally she entered the house, the family being at supper at the time. The wild look of her face caused the diners to leap to their feet and some of them left the house in a hurry. All efforts to get her to go out were of no avail and she proceeded to make herself at home, and sat down at the table and began to eat. The police were notified and Officer Shorter was sent to the house.

The woman, who was at least 70 years old, gave the officer a lively chase. She bit and scratched him, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that he succeeded in getting her away from the police station. The woman was taken to the police station Thursday and took her home.

New Departures.

After two months of remarkable sales, W. W. Keyler, the enterprising druggist, has that his plan of selling at half price the regular 50 cent size of Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia, and guaranteeing to refund the money if it does not cure, has been the greatest success he has ever known.

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The storm last Saturday afternoon disappointed a large number of people who had looked forward with much anticipation to the game on the Williamson oval between the Bloomfield and Englewood clubs.

Manager Dodd is trying to arrange another game with this team in the near future.

This afternoon the home team will play the strong Paterson Athletic Club team, and a good game is expected. The line-up of the visitors will be Vail, a. s.; Shonck, 1st b.; Bacon, 2d b.; Hurd, 3d b.; Burns, 1. f.; Dougherty, c. f.; Warner, r. f.; Hoar, p.; Lane, c.

Next Saturday the Colonial A. C. will open bats with the locals, and July 4, in the morning, the O. N. T. Base-ball Club, and in the afternoon with the Carlisle A. C.

The Watsessing Base-ball Club will play the Centrals of Orange at Watsessing on Saturday, and a great game is expected. Perry Reeves will twirl for the Orange team, and Durning or Harvey for the Watsessing.

The Watsessing Club will play the Amperes A. C. next Saturday. This club has been playing fine games, and the Watsessing Club will have to hustle to win.

During July the Watsessing Club will have a strong schedule, including games with the Montclair A. C., Lincoln B. C., C. Roseville A. C., Bloomfield B. C., and possibly a game with the Frankfort team at Frankfort, Pa.

Town Council.

At the Town Council meeting Monday night Councilman Heppner, chairman of the road committee, reported that when the trunk sewer was laid in Montgomery street an open drain, which formerly took off surface water on the property bounded by Montgomery, Orchard and Jess streets and the Greenwood Lake Railroad, was closed up or cut off, and that since that time the property holders in that section had been continually making complaints. He said he had secured an easement through the property of John M. Maddox to the Second river, and he asked authority to make the necessary expenditure to have the matter remedied. It was referred to the road committee with power.

Alfred B. Van Liew made an urgent appeal to the Council for the extension of the water main in Willard avenue. On motion of Councilman Green the water committee was authorized to put in 500 feet of four-inch main as requested by Mr. Van Liew.

A communication from Thomas Oakes & Co. was read asking the Council to postpone action for the present on their application for laying a siding across Walnut street. The Board of Trade sent a lengthy communication against granting the siding unless the same was laid close to the present tracks and guarded by gates. Both communications were laid over for action at the next meeting.

The fire committee was authorized to have Excelsior Hose house repaired and to purchase 500 feet of hose at eighty cents per foot.

In a communication R. J. N. Dupre charged Special Officer Edward Shorter with having kicked and beaten his son on the Williamson avenue base-ball grounds during a recent game, and requested the Council to try the officer on charges. The matter was referred to the police committee. Witnesses declare that Shorter did not strike young Dupre at all, but merely pushed him on the grounds after a number of citizens had complained that the lad with others had been annoying them. Mr. Dupre, however, insists that his boy was beaten by the officer without cause.

The clerk was authorized to advertise for bids for sewer connections, the contract with M. J. Callahan having expired. Bids for building a sewer in Glenwood avenue were received from Smith & Maddox, Pasquale Castons, Donato Fusco and Martin J. Callahan, and for laying a flagstone sidewalk on Bloomfield avenue from Smith & Maddox and M. J. Callahan, all of which were referred to the proper committees.

Petitions were received for the laying of sewers in Hirsche place, Warren street and an extension of the Broad street sewer, and also for a water main in Warren street. The clerk was instructed to advertise for objections. The Board of Trade requested the Council to make arrangements with the Public Service Corporation to have Bloomfield avenue and Broad street sprinkled during the summer months, and also sent a letter of thanks to the Council for the use of the Central firehouse, in which the annual banquet was held.

Beer Consumers' Grievances.

The grievances of users of kerosene oil against John D. Rockefeller and his associates are mild compared with the grievance of beer consumers against the saloon and the saloon-keeper. The saloon is a favorite resort for ruffians against the high price of kerosene and for denunciation of monopolies, trusts and life insurance company officials, and now that the price rising tendency of the times has struck the saloon there is consternation and rage among those to whom beer is more of a necessity than tea, coffee, milk, or filtered water.

The price of beer has been raised to fifteen cents a pint. The saloon-keeper blames the kerosene and the kerosene the irregularity of the elements. Within the past thirty years the retail price of beer by the pint has increased three hundred per cent, while that of kerosene has correspondingly decreased. The tendency to increase the price of a pint of beer is deliberately designed oppression of the poor. It is a case of freemove out. The poor man is a large consumer of beer by the pint, and is not a profitable customer. If saloon-keepers succeed in crushing out the "can" they will relieve themselves of an unprofitable branch of their business.

"The Revenge," Edwin Clarence Smith; recitation, "Tom's Come Home," Anna May Frazier; chorus, "Rockin' in de Win'"; recitation, "Mr. Dooley on Football," Richard Lawrence Johnson; piano duet, "Charge of the Uhlans," Eva Dorothy Copping and Anna May Schofield; recitation, "The Man Without a Country," James William Betts; recitation, "The Soul of the Violin," Margaret Morgan; chorus, "Fairland Waits," presentation of diplomas by George E. Bedell of the Board of Education; class song, words by Anna May Schofield and Anna May Frazier.

Eight pupils, who had not been absent nor tardy during the year, and one, Joseph Huddy, who had not been absent nor tardy in two years, were given books by the Board of Education, the presentation being made by Samuel Eiler, a trustee. The one-year faithful pupils were Clara Franck, Alma Thompson, Godfrey Conroy, John O'Brien, Elsie Franck, Jessie Thompson, Howard Franck, Vera Stockton.

Fairview School graduating exercises were held Thursday night and attended by a large number of people. The seventeen members of the graduating class were Pierre Anzly Oady, Clifford Forcott, George Hays, Frank Edson Hopping, Margaret Cecelia Horton, David Thornley Jones, Raymond Rogers Kimball, Evelyn Belle Kerr, Ruth Madeline Lind, Clarissa Haasel Liah, Annie Laird, Helen Margaret Nicholson, William Howard Rawson, Mabel Roberts, Amanda Alice Selbert, Howard Myers Wells, Martha Wyckoff.

The exercises opened with prayer by the Rev. F. W. Buis, followed by a chorus "The Star Spangled Banner," piano solo, Frank E. Hopping; recitation, "The New Organ," Mabel Roberts; chorus, "In Early Spring," recitation, "Anty Doleful," Martha Wyckoff; vocal solo, "Last night," Martha O. Horton; chorus, "An April Girl," followed by a school song composed by Mabel Roberts and Roy Sedgwick; piano duet, Mrs. George Baldwin, Ruth M. Lind; recitation, "How the La Rue Stakes were Lost," Howard M. Wells; chorus, "Our Fairview."

Diplomas were awarded to the graduating class by Joseph E. Vogtius of the Board of Education, who also presented the attendance record prizes offered by the Board of Education to pupils neither absent nor tardy during the year. The prize winners were Helen McGuire, Earl Griffith, Cornelia Hopping, Helen Hopping, Charles Selbert, Florence Fisher, Elizabeth Wells, Annie Hewitt, Fred Hett, Florence Brown, Everett Brown, Elizabeth Miller, Elizabeth Edland, Pierre Oady.

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THEODORE H. WARD, President.

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